



Arlington Uncle Sam Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015

Second Floor Senior Center Conference Room

Present:

Laurie McKinney, Chair
Zarina Memon, Secretary
Andrew O'Brien, Member
Elsie Fiore, Member

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair.
- Minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting was reviewed and approved.

- Chair's Report:

1. ATED Visitors Building

- a great location and helpful to our mission to educate about young Sam Wilson and the real Uncle Sam;
- However our committee needs money and/or resources to supply this building with our merchandises, buttons, memorabilia/souvenirs, pamphlets and such.
- For now we will settle on generating funds for more buttons. This will cost: 1,000 buttons each @ \$0.35 (total cost ~ \$350).
- Generate funds through the finance committee or fundraisers and other venues. Much is discussed about this later in the meeting.

2. Make our own signs for Mass Ave or Broadway. The signs to say "Birthplace of the Real Uncle Sam." Laurie would approach Falcon Signs and the two other sign companies in town to make these signs as a donation to the cause. We propose two large circular button-like signs with the design of the buttons.

3. Young Sam Wilson – a real revolutionary hero who met with Paul Revere and William Dawes and was a spy and a drummer boy during the American Revolution. We would like to re-enact this during Patriot's Day Ride/parade. Zarina will ask Tade's mom for Tade to re-play this role. The significance of young Sam Wilson is immense since there is no other 10 year old Revolutionary hero and this would attract kids. We do need a drum from the historical society. Zarina will contact the Arlington Historical Society's Pamela Meister to borrow the drum for the re-enactment.

4. Hang pictures of young Sam Wilson and Uncle Sam for the Patriot's day in Town Hall. Laurie will blow up some pics.

5. Pamphlet creation – we have some information on young Sam Wilson but we need more information and recently, Andy heard a presentation on ACMI on Uncle Sam and he will contact this presenter to create a better pamphlet for us to use.

6. Uncle Sam Books from the French couple in New Hampshire. Books cost about \$10 and they have about 200 copies available. We need at least \$2000 for this.

7. Raise money (besides through the finance committee) for t shirts, hats, key chains with logos and sell them at sell them at football game and tourist booth. Andy would be willing to put some money to make the T-shirts. Elsie will look into putting notices in the papers to raise money; Zarina will look into contacting local businesses to donate to our cause. Contact the Chamber of Commerce – Laurie or Zarina.

- Projects that would need money include Uncle Sam statue restoration ~ \$7,500; Mural ~\$30,000.

- 501 3c – table this part of discussion since establishing a 5013c is very arduous and involves trustees and boards and such. Laurie has done this twice with other projects and does not recommend it for our committee.

8. Social Media

- Andy will contact the town webmaster to get our web page on track.
- Zarina's husband Ken can help the webmaster complete this project for two pages: Young Sam Wilson and Uncle Sam. These pages should be linked, and perhaps a blog could be made for and by the kids to join this club and write about young Sam Wilson.

- Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2015 at 7 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.
 - Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, Zarina Memon.